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Wagstaff Fire Contained

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Wagstaff Fire, which burned East of Tabiona in Duchesne County has been fully contained. The fire started on Friday, August 1, 2008 just before 1:00 p.m. Over 400 acres were burned, all on private land. Officials have determined that lightning caused the fire citing records which show strikes in the area before it broke out.

After the fire made its initial run, winds calmed and humidity increased, allowing crews to attack the fire directly. Crews from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; Duchesne County; National Park Service; U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management responded to the fire which was burning in Pinyon/Juniper and sagebrush. Hand crews have been working the fire establishing a containment perimeter around the fire since Friday. In the early phases, two single engine air tankers applied retardant line while two helicopters supported crews with water drops.

“Things are looking really good,” said Incident Commander, Dale Jablonski. “We even had some wind on the fire and all the containment lines held very well through it.”

Jablonski expects to release all but a handful of firefighters from the State of Utah and Bureau of Indian Affairs after today. The small contingent will monitor the fire over the next few days and work it to full controlled status.

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